WHO said "MIAOW"?

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Puppy was sleeping on the rug beside the couch.

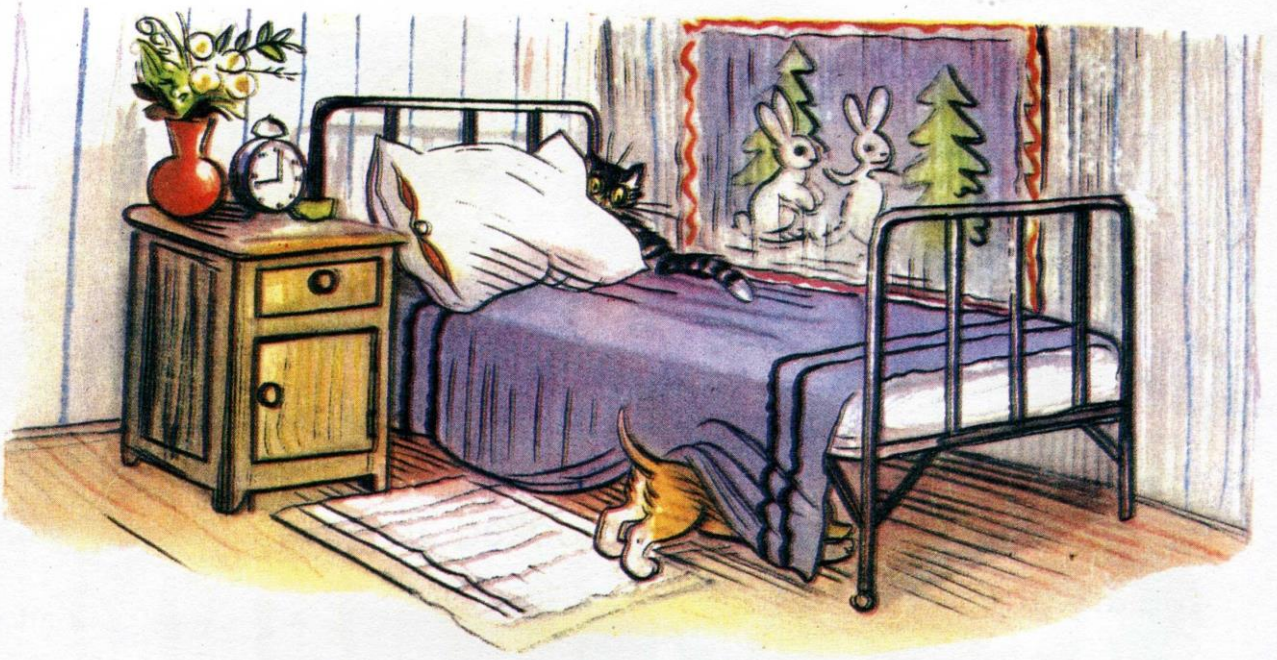
Suddenly in his dream he heard someone say, **"Miaow!"**

Puppy raised his head and looked about but could not see anyone.

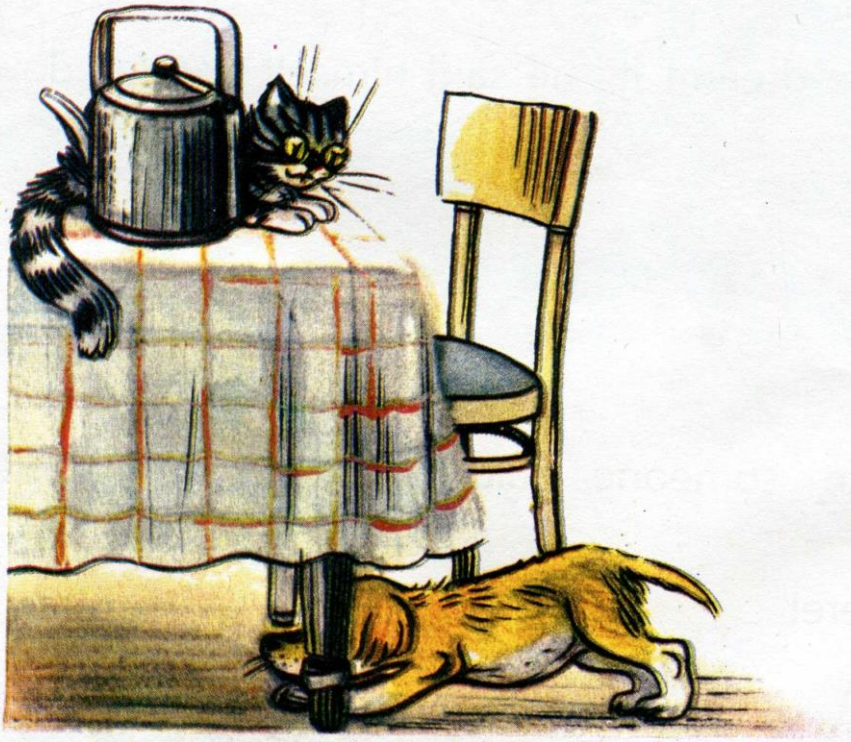
"I must have dreamt it," he said himself and lay down again.

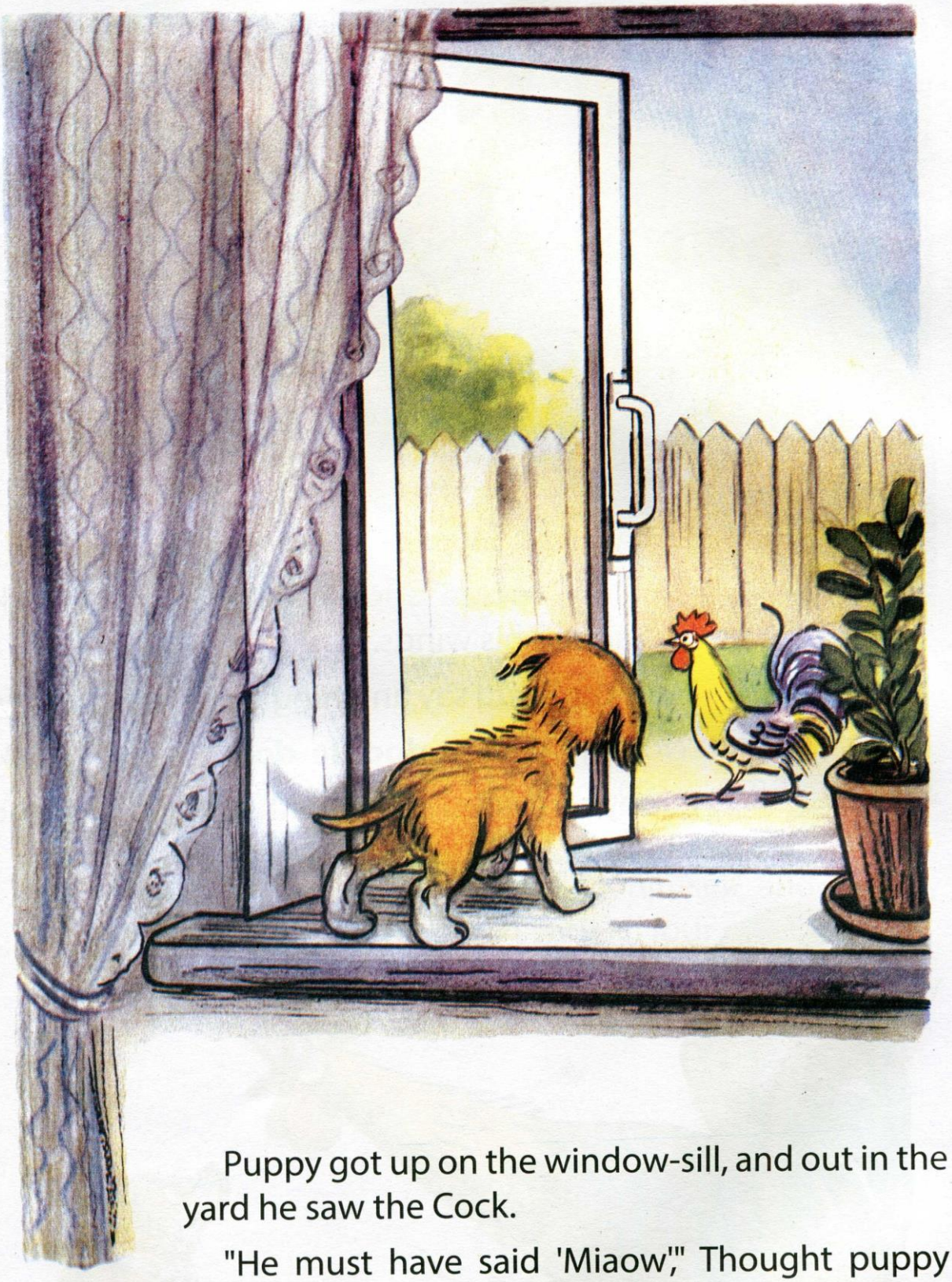
And again someone said, **"Miaow!"**

"Who's there!"



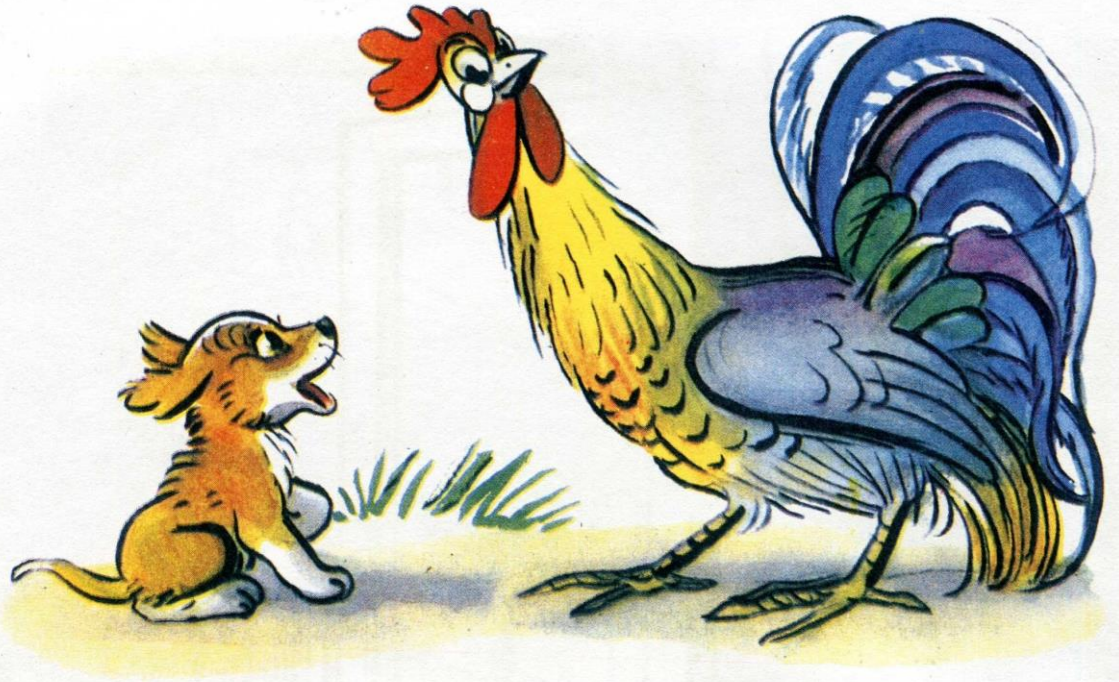
Puppy jumped up and ran round the room. He looked under the bed, and he looked under the table, but he could find no one!





Puppy got up on the window-sill, and out in the yard he saw the Cock.

"He must have said 'Miaow'," Thought puppy and ran out into the yard.



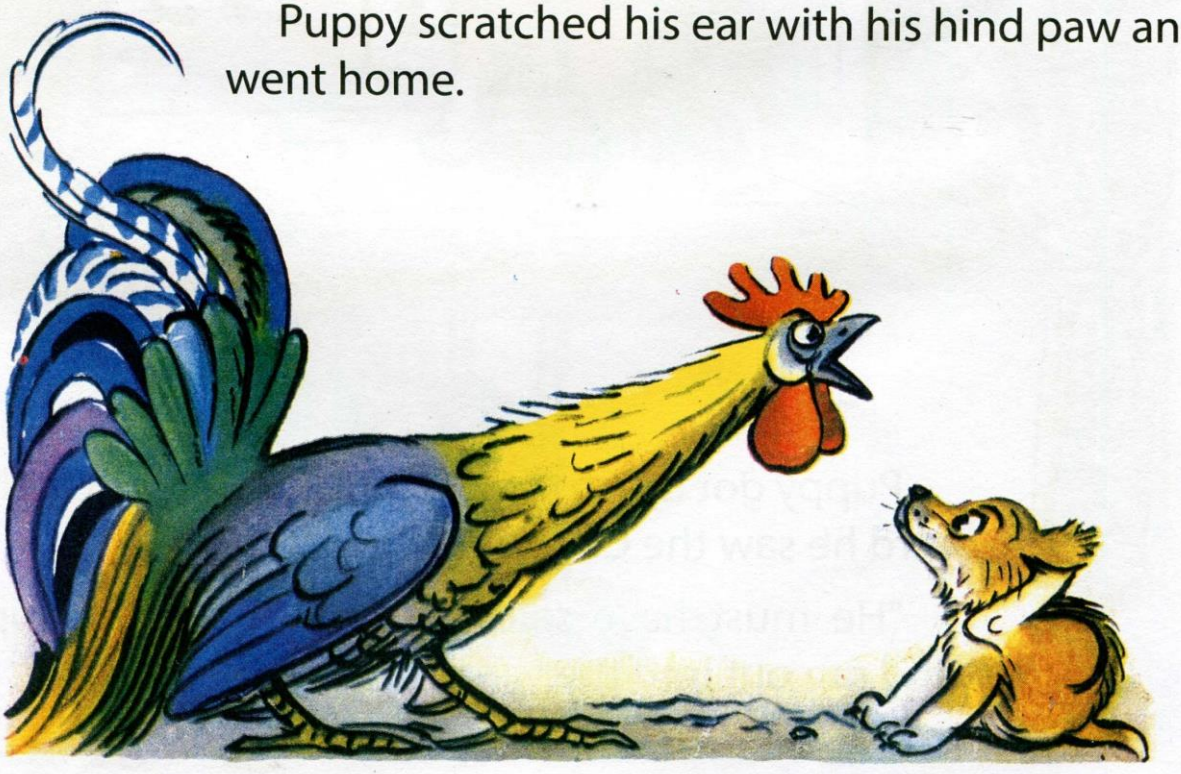
"Did you say **'Miaow?'** Puppy asked the Cock.

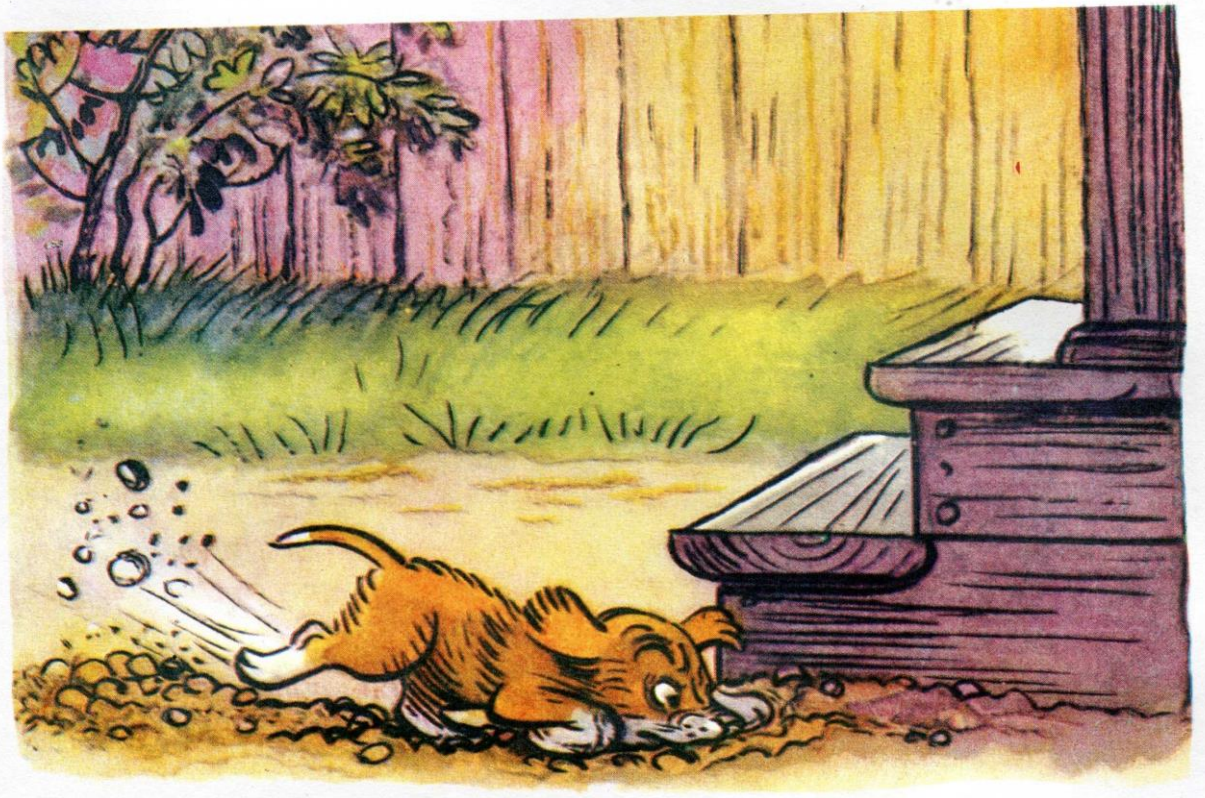
"No, I say **'Cock-a-doodle-doo!'** " said the Cock, as he flapped his wings.

"And can't you say anything else?" said puppy.

"No, only **'Cock-a-doodle-doo!'** " said the Cock.

Puppy scratched his ear with his hind paw and went home.





Suddenly, at the very porch steps, someone said, **"Miaow!"**

"It must be here!" Puppy said to himself and quickly began digging under the porch with all four paws.

When he had dug a big hole, out jumped a little grey Mouse.

"Did you say **"Miaow"?"** Puppy asked angrily.

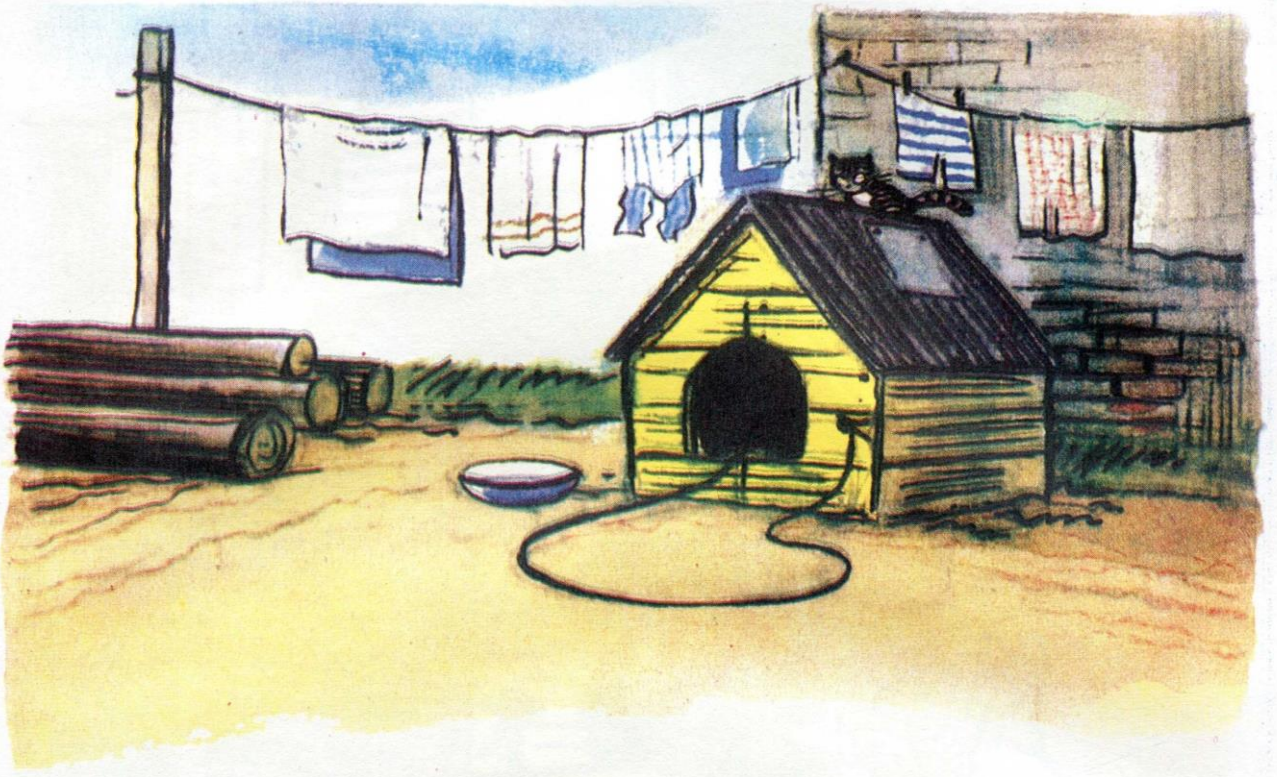
"**Squeak, squeak!** said the Mouse. " I didn't but who did?"

"Somebody did, said Puppy.

"Was he near?" asked the Mouse.

"Very near," said Puppy.

"**Squeak, squeak!**" said the Mouse. "I'm afraid!" And he ran and hid under the porch.

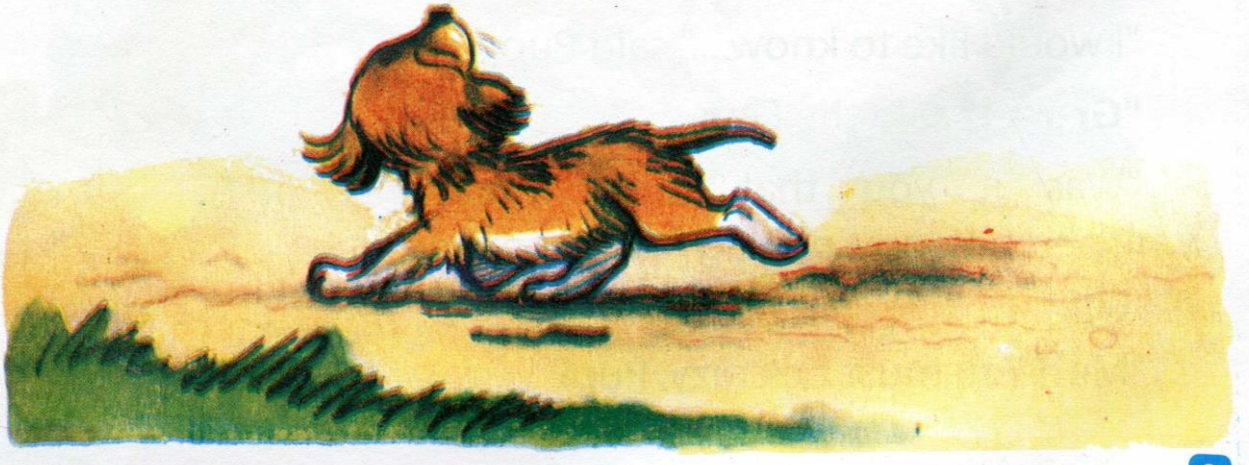


Puppy sat down to think.

Suddenly he heard a loud **"Miaow"** near the dog kennel.

Puppy ran round the kennel three times but could not find anyone. Then someone stirred in the kennel.

"There he is!" Puppy said to himself. "I'll catch him now..." And Puppy Crept closer.



Rattling his chain, out of the kennel came a great big shaggy Dog.

"Gr-r-r-r!" growled the Dog.

"I would like to know...." said Puppy.

"Gr-r-r-!" said the Dog.

"Was it you that said **"Miaow**?" whispered Puppy, pulling his tail between his legs.

"Me?! You must be crazy, Pup!"

Puppy ran to the garden as fast as his legs could carry him and hid under a bush.

Just then someone said **"Miaow"** right above his ear.

Puppy looked out from under the bush. There in front of him, on a flower, sat a fuzzy Bee.

"There's the one who said **"Miaow"**, thought Puppy and tried to grab the Bee with his teeth.

"**Buzz-z-z!**" hummed the angry Bee and stung Puppy right in the nose.

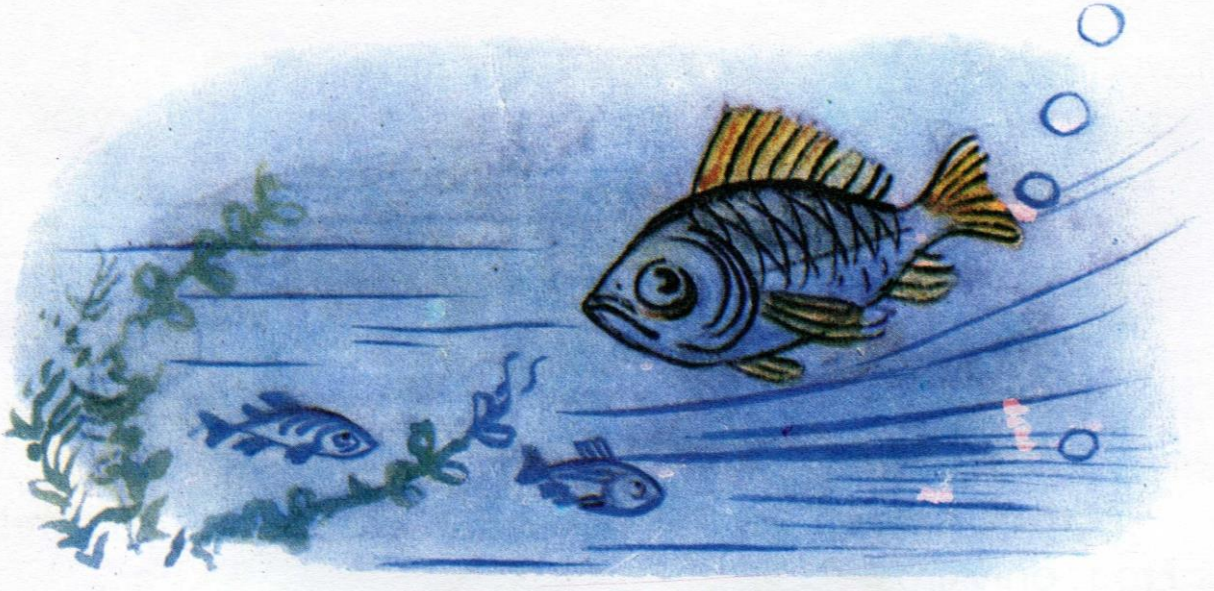
Puppy yelped and ran away, but the Bee flew after him, buzzing, **"I'll s-s-sting you! I'll s-s-sting you!"**

Puppy ran to the pond and dived straight into the water!

When he came up, the Bee was gone.

And again someone said, **"Miaow!"**

"Did you say "Miaow?" the wet puppy asked a Fish that was swimming by.



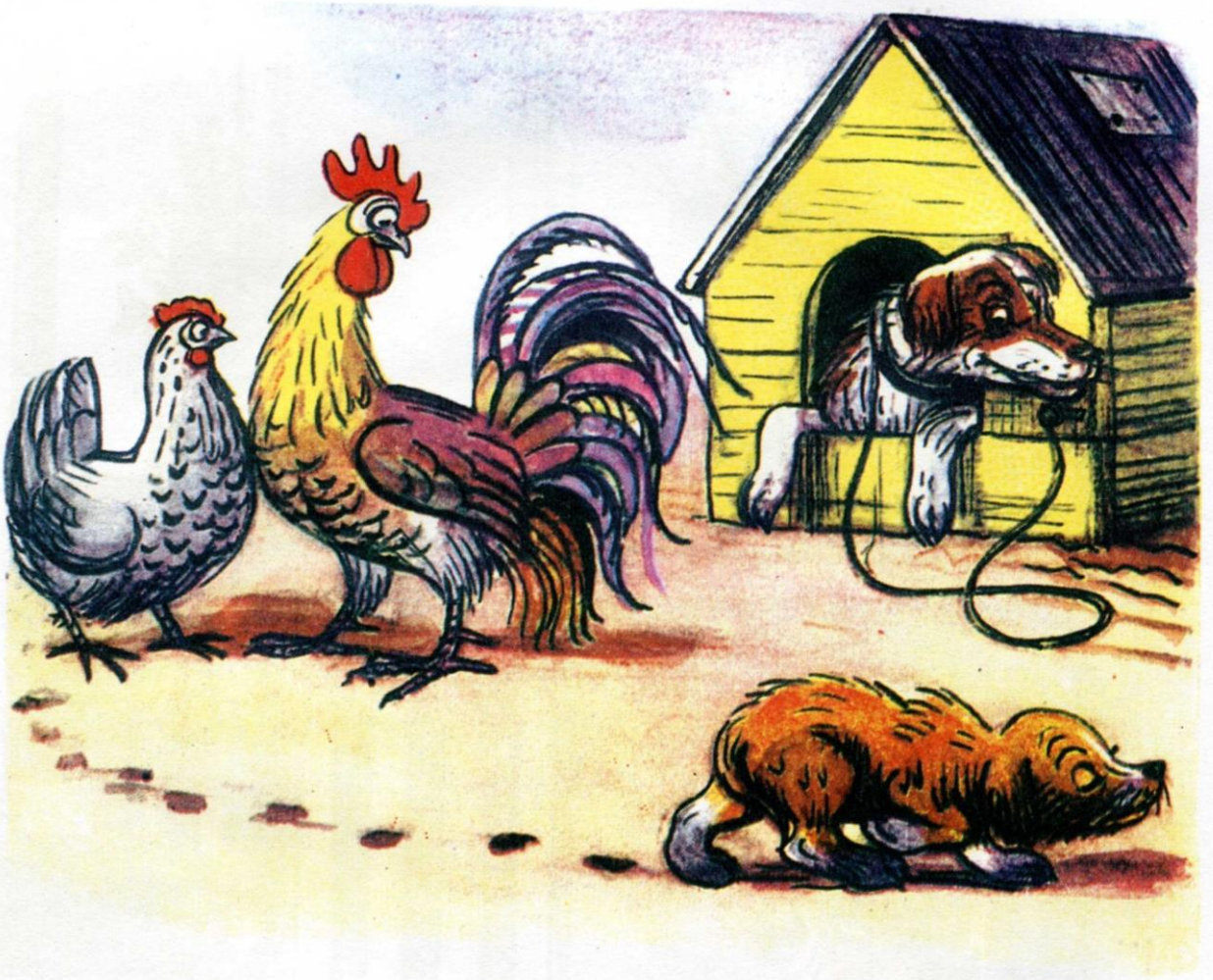
The fish did not answer, it just swished its tail and dived deep into the pond.

"Croak, croak!" laughed a Frog who was sitting on a lily leaf. "Don't you know that fish can't talk?"

"Perhaps it was you that said "Miaow"?" Puppy asked the Frog.

"Croak, croak!" laughed the Frog. "How foolish you are! Frogs only croak."

And the Frog dived into the water.



Puppy went home, wet, with a swollen nose. He lay down very sad on his rug by the couch. And suddenly he heard:

"Miaow!"

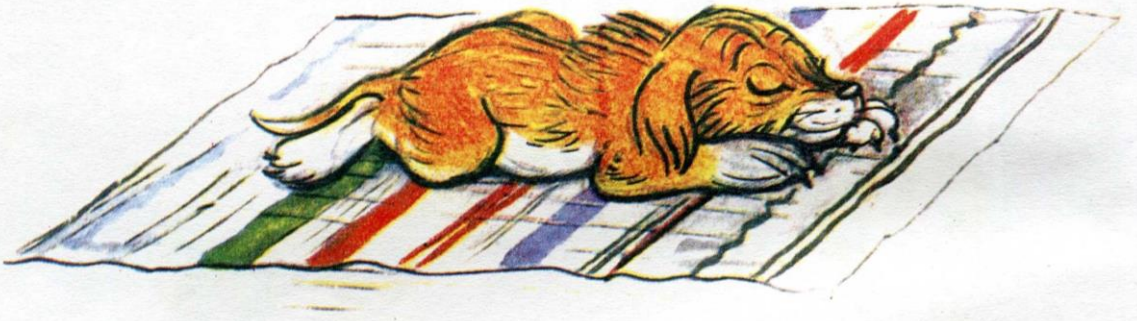
Up he Jumped - on the window-sill sat a furry, striped Pussy-Cat.

"Miaow!" said the Pussy-cat.

"Bow-wow-wow!" barked Puppy, then he remembered how the big shaggy Dog had growled, and he growled, **"Gr-r-r!"**

The Cat arched its back, said **"Hiss!"** scratched Puppy's ear,

and jumped out of the window.



Puppy went back to his rug and lay down to sleep. Now he knew who had said **"Miaow!"**

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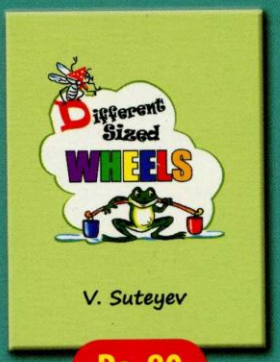

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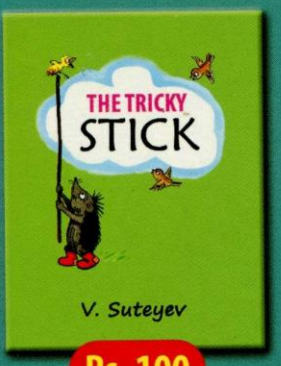

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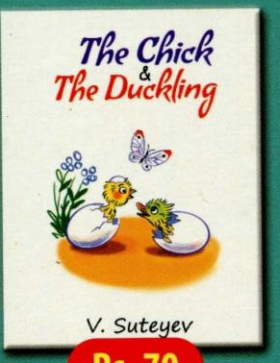

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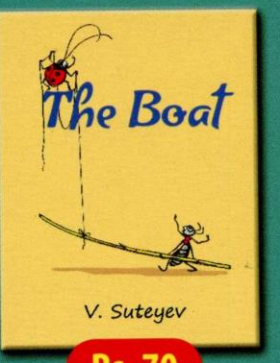

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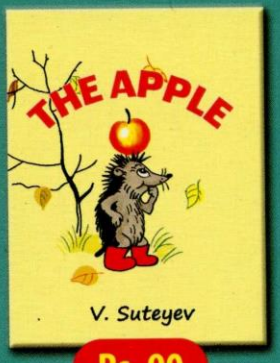

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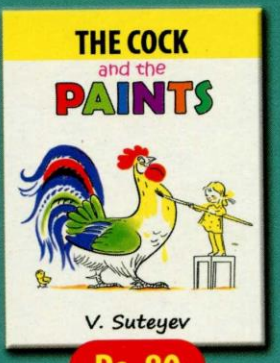

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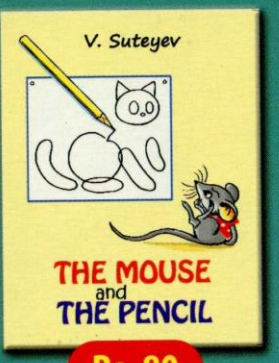

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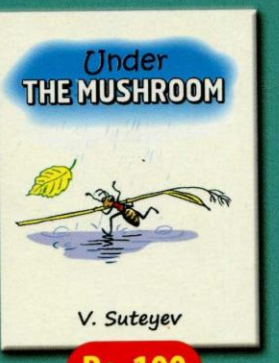

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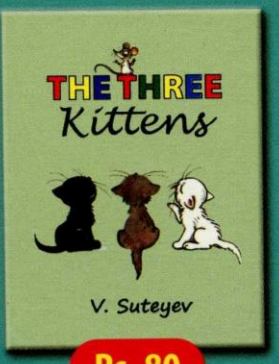

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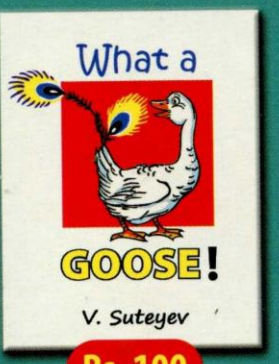

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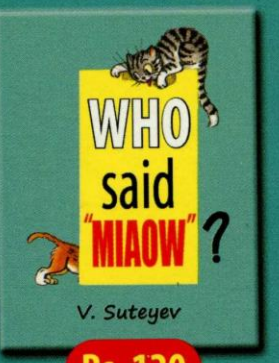

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